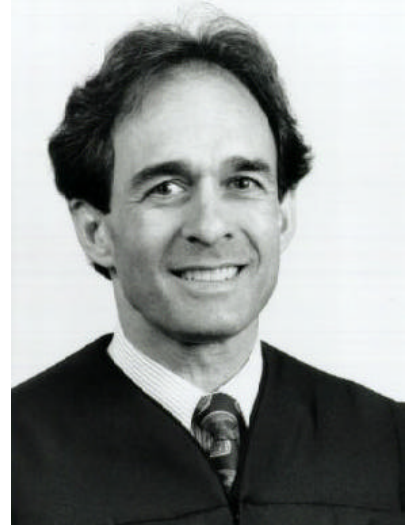




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## ***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**Jeffrey S. Cates** is the Presiding Judge of the Arizona Tax Court, hearing all tax appeals cases from around the state. He has served as a judge on the Superior Court bench longer than any other sitting judge, having been sworn-in on March 2, 1979. He became a judge, at the age of 35, only 10 years after being admitted to the Arizona State Bar. In that 10 years, he worked two years as a staff attorney with the Maricopa County Legal Aid Society and then went into private practice from 1971 to 1979 focusing on civil litigation. He began his judicial career with a civil calendar, and over the years has spent nearly 13 years presiding over civil cases. In January 1982 he was assigned to domestic relations cases but seven months later became Civil Presiding Judge. He held that position until June 1984 when he assumed a criminal trial calendar. He spent two years on criminal cases, then handled civil matters for two years, returning to a criminal calendar in 1988. After three years, he returned to the Civil Department for six more years until May 1997 when he became presiding tax judge. He received his B.S. in Finance in 1964 from Boston College and his law degree in 1968 from Boston University School of Law.



Judge Cates is an accomplished trial judge and is often called upon to mentor and assist other judges in caseflow management skills. As Tax Court Presiding Judge, he developed a guide to help people who wish to appeal their property taxes. He also developed a packet that includes easy to use forms and instructions for appealing a variety of tax cases. Judge Cates has a special interest in judicial excellence and is past president of the Arizona Judges Association and was a member of the Council on Judicial Education and Training. He currently serves on the court's executive committee. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of Parents Anonymous and former member of the Board of Directors of Adopt Co-op of Arizona.